

THE FRANKLIN COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS HELD THEIR REGULAR MONTHLY MEETING ON TUESDAY, MARCH 20<sup>th</sup>, 2007, AT 1:30 P.M., IN THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS MEETING ROOM IN THE COUNTY COURTHOUSE.

THERE WERE PRESENT:     Wayne Angell, Chairman  
                                     Charles Wagner, Vice-Chairman  
                                     Leland Mitchell  
                                     David Hurt  
                                     Charles Poindexter  
                                     Russ Johnson  
                                     Hubert Quinn

OTHERS PRESENT:         Richard E. Huff, II, County Administrator  
                                     Christopher L. Whitlow, Asst. County Administrator  
                                     Larry V. Moore, Asst. County Administrator  
                                     B. J. Jefferson, County Attorney  
                                     Sharon K. Tudor, CMC, Clerk

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Chairman Wayne Angell called the meeting to order.  
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Invocation was given by Supervisor Charles Wagner.  
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Pledge of Allegiance was led by Supervisor Hubert Quinn.  
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**SENATOR WEBB’S OFFICE REPRESENTATIVE**  
Fred Hutchins, Senator Webb’s Office Representative, introduced himself and offered the Senator’s assistance with an office in Roanoke.  
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**PUBLIC COMMENT:**  
  
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**CONSENT AGENDA**  
**APPROVAL OF ACCOUNTS PAYABLE LISTING, APPROPRIATIONS, TRANSFERS & MINUTES FOR – FEBRUARY 20<sup>TH</sup>, 27<sup>TH</sup>, & MARCH 13<sup>TH</sup>, 2007**  
**APPROPRIATIONS:**

<u>DEPARTMENT</u>	<u>PURPOSE</u>	<u>ACCOUNT</u>	<u>AMOUNT</u>
Landfill/Solid Waste	Litter Control Grant	4203- 5467	9,300.00
Economic Development	CIG Grant for Commerce Park	3000-032-	350,000.00
		0127-3002	
E911	Homeland Security Grant for	3000-035-	
	Mobile Laptop Computers	0034-7001	53,035.00
Total			<u><u>412,335.00</u></u>

**Transfers Between Departments:**  
None  
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**COMPREHENSIVE ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT STRATEGY SUBMITTAL**  
The US Economic Development Administration (EDA) requires that community’s wishing to seek EDA grants submit an annual list of economic development projects. In order to be eligible for EDA grants, the County’s elected body must approve and submit a list of economic development projects to the EDA annually. Action by the Board on this project list will ensure that the County may seek EDA grants. Projects on this list are ranked in three categories:  
I. Those construction or implementation projects that are in advanced stages of planning or ready to go.  
II. Construction or implementation projects in the formative stages of planning and which are not otherwise proceeding towards immediate implementation.

III. Non-construction projects of special economic development purpose that may include special issue studies, basic data collection and analysis, feasibility studies, and technical assistance projects.

Approval of projects on this list does not commit the County to funding their completion. The list is intended to serve as a catch-all for projects that may be undertaken in 2007. Staff developed the list based on the approved capital planning previously adopted by the Board.

The proposed CEDS list is below.

Project	Priority	Description	Funding Source	Amount	Total	No. of Jobs
Franklin/Rocky Mount Ind. Park	1	Extension of industrial access, water and sewer, site improvements, and rail spur to serve expansion of existing park	EDA Local/GO Bonds Rail Access Fund	\$1,000,000 \$350,000 \$300,000	\$1,500,000	250-300
Ferrum Water System Improvements	1	Water system infrastructure improvements	USDA – RD Grant USDA – RD Loan Tobacco Commission Local			
Public Water System Development	1	Phased construction of basic water system infrastructure (Phases I & II)	USDA – RD Local	\$5,367,800 \$100,000	\$5,467,800	300
Park System Improvements	1	Improvements to Smith Mountain Lake, Waid, Gilley's, County Recreation, East County, Windy Gap, Brubaker, Lynch, and community park sites.	DCR Local VDOT	\$150,000 \$3,000,000 \$400,000	\$3,550,000	N/A
Ferrum Downtown Improvement	1	Develop sidewalks, railroad pedestrian bridge	TEA-21 VDOT Local	\$300,000 \$190,000 \$76,835	\$566,835	20-30
Commerce Center Land Purchase	1	Purchase remaining land under option	Local	\$905,109	\$905,109	500+
Commerce Center Site Improvements	1	Grading, site development, development of package-type treatment facility	CDBG/EDA Local	\$543,840 \$105,960	\$649,800	500+
Workforce Development Center – Phase I	1	Site Preparation & Acquisition, Demolition	Tobacco Comm. VDHCD (CDBG) Local	\$150,000 \$62,100 \$321,132	\$533,232	500+

Project	Priority	Description	Funding Source	Amount	Total	No. of Jobs
Workforce Development Center – Phase II	1	Building Development, Fit-out, electronics, teaching aids, classroom completion	Tobacco Comm. VDHCD (CDBG) Local EDA	\$1,732,804 \$637,900 \$2,173,993 \$1,000,000	\$2,600,313	500+
West Franklin Business Park	1	Continue development – roads, sewer, water, telecommunications	EDA	\$669,380	\$669,380	400+
Public Water Withdrawal Studies	1	Develop PER for water plant and prepare permit withdrawal application, purchase plant site	EPA/STAG Local	\$200,000 \$613,740	\$813,740	N/A
SML Water Withdrawal Intake	1	Construction of water withdrawal plant	EDA USDA - RD	\$473,440 \$1,893,760	\$2,367,200	N/A
Future County Regional Commerce Park	1	Acquisition of new commercial park in north County. Development, initial site grade work, roads, infrastructure. 200-500 acres	USDA – RD EDA Local Tobacco Comm.	\$500,000 \$500,000 \$2,000,000 \$1,000,000	\$4,000,000 +	500+
County Trail System	1	Development of trail system per adopted County Trail Plan	DCR Tobacco Comm. VDOT Local	\$150,000 \$100,000 \$200,000 \$100,000	\$550,000	N/A
Business Development Center	2	Development of an incubator center to spawn small business development in the County.	EDA DCHD Tobacco Comm. Local	\$1,000,000 \$250,000 \$250,000 \$500,000	\$100,000	50+
Public Water System – Phase III	2	Continuing phased development of county water system infrastructure	USDA – RD Local	\$24,085,590 \$400,000	\$24,485,590	N/A
Virtual Building	2	20,000 sf virtual building for Commerce Park	Tobacco VEDP Local	\$20,000 \$10,000 \$10,000	\$40,000	100+

Project	Priority	Description	Funding Source	Amount	Total	No. of Jobs
New Business Park	3	Begin site study and evaluation for development of a new 500 acre Industrial/Business Park for Franklin Co.	Tobacco Local USDA - RD	\$40,000 \$50,000 \$25,000	\$115,000	1000
Community Center – Multi-purpose Center	3	Feasibility and Needs Analysis for Multi-Purpose Community Center to serve Rocky Mount and Franklin County	DCHD Local	\$25,000 \$25,000	\$50,000	10-20
Tourism Enhancement Program	3	Produce a research and marketing initiative to promote Franklin County as a tourist destination in conjunction with the Crooked Road, VTC, and Southside Tourism Initiative	EDA Local	\$25,000 \$20,000	\$45,000	N/A
Last-Mile Broadband Expansion	3	Study and implement a last-mile solution to provide County businesses and consumers fast, accessible, and affordable telecomm service	EDA Local State	\$25,000 \$25,000 \$25,000	\$75,000	100+
Village Development	3	Development of streetscape and pedestrian improvements for village centers	EDA Local DCHD	\$50,000 \$50,000 \$100,000	\$200,000	50+

**RECOMMENDATION:**  
Review the list and direct the County Administrator to submit to the US Economic Development Administration for inclusion in the 2007 Economic Development Strategy.  
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**SHERIFF’S DEPARTMENT VEHICLES PURCHASE**  
The Franklin County Sheriff's Office is a law enforcement agency with local jail and law enforcement responsibility. It maintains a fleet of police vehicles necessary to carry out all functions and responsibilities. Field law enforcement vehicles are normally replaced around 125,000 miles and the better of these vehicles are then reissued or reassigned to support services such as prisoner transport or spare fleet vehicles. Investigation vehicles are needed to

supplement investigations in their endeavor to have the best positive results and reach successful conclusions. They are maintained in this capacity until they become unreliable or repairs and maintenance become cost prohibitive.

The Sheriff's Office requests to order **one new unmarked supervisor vehicle** as follows:

1. 2007 Chevrolet Impala Police Car Equipment vehicle to replace an unmarked 2000 Ford Crown Victoria Police vehicle with approximately 153,500 miles. The requested vehicle is available through state contract number **2090-70** at Total cost of **\$ 18,505.00**.

The Sheriff's Office further requests to order two **new marked patrol duty vehicles** as follows:

2. Two 2007 Chevrolet Impalas available through state contract number 2090-70 at a cost of \$18,515.00 each for a Total cost of **\$ 37,030.00**. These vehicles are needed to replace the following vehicles:
  - A. 2001 Ford Police Interceptor patrol vehicle with approximately 118,000 as needed.
  - B. 2001 Ford Police Interceptor patrol vehicle with approximately 100,000 as needed.

The Sheriff's Office also requests to order one new unmarked 4WD SUV type **sheriff's investigation supervisor vehicle** as follows:

3. 2007 Ford Explorer available through state contract number **5050-70 (B)** at a Total cost of **\$ 21,471.75**. This vehicle is needed to replace a 2000 4WD SUV type Explorer with approximately 105,000 miles as needed. The current vehicle would be taken out of service when the requested new vehicle is put into service.

The **Grand Total Cost** for the above requested police vehicles are **\$ 77,006.75**.

These vehicles would be purchased from budgeted Sheriff's Vehicle Replacement funds.

**RECOMMENDATION:** Staff respectfully requests the Board authorize purchase of the above said vehicles.

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### **826 COMPACTOR WHEELS**

The county landfill has a 2001 Caterpillar 826 Compactor that is used to compact the trash. The equipment is on a 10 year rotation and the compactor is scheduled to be replaced in 2011. The wheels need to be replaced with new wheels because 4 ½ years is the remaining life expectancy of the equipment.

The new compactor wheels will cost \$49,000.00 dollars plus \$3,000.00 for shipping and the cost of installation (estimated at \$3,000.00 or less). We found a used set of wheels for \$37,500.00 plus shipping and installation. A new 826 Compactor costs approximately \$550,000.00 for a current model like we have now. We can put a used set of wheels on the compactor, but most likely the used wheels would not last for the remaining life expectancy of the compactor.

### **RECOMMENDATION:**

It is recommended that the Board authorize the County staff to purchase the new wheels from Carter Machinery and have them installed for a total cost of approximately \$55,000. These dollars are currently available in the capital improvement account under Landfill equipment.

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### **SURPLUS PROPERTY DECLARED BY BOARD**

In keeping with County Policy, the Board of Supervisors is requested to officially declare all property which is taken out of routine service as "surplus". After this designation, a listing is made available for review among other County Departments in an effort to determine whether such property may be re-assigned. All remaining items are sold at public auction.

The following vehicles are requested to be declared "surplus":

#### **Sheriffs Department**

- 2 – 2000 Ford Crown Victoria Sedans
- 1 – 2001 Ford Crown Victoria Sedan
- 1 – 1998 Ford Crown Victoria Sedan
- 1 – 2002 Dodge 2500 4WD Pickup Truck

#### **General Properties**

- 1 – 1993 Chevrolet Blazer
- 1 – 1990 Chevrolet Caprice

Landfill

- 1 – 1996 Chevrolet Water Tanker
- 1 – 1974 John Deere Tractor Model 2630
- 1 – 1989 Chevrolet pickup

In addition, a considerable amount of general office furniture and equipment has accumulated (as a result of replacement and/or taking out of service) and is requested to be declared “surplus” as well.

**RECOMMENDATION:**

Staff respectfully requests that this list of items be declared “surplus”. Staff will proceed to disperse of the same as described here in and in keeping with County Policy. It should further be noted that this spring’s joint Public Auction (with the School Division) is to be held on Saturday, April 28, 2007.

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**FRANKLIN CENTER CHANGE ORDER**

On May 16, 2006, the Board of Supervisors awarded and authorized a construction contract to Avis Construction Co., Inc. in the amount of \$4,598,000.00 to construct the Franklin Center (the County’s new Workforce Development Building). This contract amount was the lowest bid, approximately \$320,000 less than the architect’s (Thompson & Litton) pre-bid estimate. On November 21, 2006, the Board approved change order number one (approx. \$14,177), thereby authorizing staff to proceed with some minor site utility and structural changes / additions. Construction began on the Franklin Center on or about June 12, 2006 and since this time, progress on the new building has moved along well. Most of the exterior work has been completed and the interior finishing has got underway. As with most construction projects, change orders are required from time to time. Over the last three months, Avis Construction, Thompson & Litton and the staff have identified a few items needing approval for change order.

The total change order of such items is approximately \$17,802. A couple of these items are cosmetic in nature resulting from final staff selections of exterior and interior finishes. For example, the final brick for the Franklin Center was selected to match and complement the new Library. As such, it was recommended the coping, storefront, and window finishes for the Franklin Center also be selected to complement the County Library. In addition to the exterior, some interior finishes were also selected for modification. For example, within the facility’s lobby, primary conference room and multi-purpose areas, the plastic vinyl trim was modified toward a more durable, wood trim molding. Some modifications have also been suggested for technology instruction. Most of these items are required to up-fit a couple of the classrooms as computer and distance learning labs. As a result of the up-fit, both Patrick Henry and Virginia Western Community Colleges will purchase, install, and maintain all of the computers and equipment for these classrooms (approx. \$70,000 contribution). Lastly, some furniture changes were made to accommodate a business counseling area planned for the second floor. Consortium staff confirms an approximate \$20,000 grant from the West Piedmont Business Development Center to fund such furnishings and to fund some additional equipment for the facility.

The total for the change order items as noted on the following attachment is approximately \$17,802. Following a staff meeting and subsequent review of the change order items, the staff concludes the items are consistent, relevant and necessary for the completion of the project. Staff believes if these items could have been initially contemplated, the items still would have to be covered or paid (i.e. included in the original contract). The total change order of \$17,802 will fall within the project’s overall budget, whereby such project expenses will be covered in the established (5%) building contingency budget. Therefore, no additional local funds are requested beyond the original budget approval.

**RECOMMENDATION:** Staff respectfully requests the Board of Supervisors to approve the change order items as presented and authorize the County Administrator to execute any associated documents accordingly.

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**TLAC REPRESENTATION TO US COASTGUARD**

In October of 2000, the Board of Supervisors entered into an agreement with Bedford County and Pittsylvania County forming the Tri-County Lake Administrative Commission (TLAC) under the provisions of Section 15.2-1300 of the Code of Virginia.

TLAC is to serve as the administrative department for the three counties surrounding Smith Mountain Lake. Duties include, but are not limited to: navigation marker issues, debris clean up, coordination with AEP and working directly with Virginia Department of Game and Inland Fisheries (VDGIF).

Over the years, the Board of Supervisors has approved additional requests authorizing TLAC to represent Franklin County relating to contamination of public water, water buoys, etc.

A Federal Court ruled in 1977 that SML is navigable water under federal regulations and as such the USCG has authority over navigation aids on the lake.

This includes channel markers (lateral aids), danger markers (includes shoal and rock), swim markers, and no wake markers. As a result of discussions between TLAC representatives, USCG representatives and VDGIF, it has been determined that the USCG has authority over the Smith Mountain Lake navigation aids.

**Excerpt of the Tri-County Lake Administrative Commission  
Monthly Board Meeting Minutes  
of  
January 4, 2007**

**United States Coast Guard Issue.** Charles Poindexter briefly reviewed the issues being addressed with the USCG, specifically that the navigation system on Smith Mountain Lake is not in compliance with USCG specifications. Discussions have been ongoing with the Coast Guard, and legal council has been sought. It has been confirmed that the Coast Guard has jurisdiction over the navigation system on the Lake. The USCG is willing to work with TLAC over a six year period to bring the navigation system into conformance with their specifications. Additionally, there has been discussion between VDGIF and the USCG regarding formally designating Smith Mountain Lake as State waters. This would allow VDGIF to continue to oversee the navigation system and will continue to provide TLAC with a local agency to work with.

Further discussion included verifying the correct material to be used for replacement signs, deciding how many applications to complete at one time, adding additional staff hours to allow for staff to handle the application and conversion process. Pam Dinkle noted that she felt it would be appropriate to view a written agreement between VDGIF and the USCG regarding the State waters consideration before sending in any applications. **Dan Sleeper made a motion to have staff and the Navigation Committee, in cooperation with the United States Coast Guard, develop a plan for conforming the Smith Mountain Lake navigation system to United States Coast Guard standards, including sending in some initial applications and to begin the process of making Smith Mountain Lake a State waterway. Chuck Neudorfer seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.** Staff will report to the Board as the process begins. Pam was instructed to present staffing requirements and other funding needs to the Board once six applications are prepared.

**RECOMMENDATION:**

Staff recommends that the Board authorize TLAC to represent Franklin County before the USCG in the same capacity and with the same authority directed to VDGIF. Furthermore, it shall be noted that such duties and appropriate powers as delegated by the Board of Supervisors to TLAC shall not exceed the limits of delegation as prescribed under the Code of Virginia and pursuant to joint agreement between Bedford, Pittsylvania and Franklin Counties.

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**PUBLIC SAFETY VEHICLE PURCHASE**

The EMS supervisor's vehicle was involved in a motor vehicle accident on March 4, 2007. The vehicle is beyond repair and has been declared a total loss by an adjustor with VFIS Insurance. This vehicle is operated on a daily basis and is vital to continuing 24 hour advanced life support coverage to Franklin County. Insurance coverage will provide \$14,225 to the county for the vehicle as this is the current assessed value of the vehicle. Public Safety is currently utilizing a response vehicle from Franklin County Rescue Squad to provide service until a replacement vehicle can be purchased.

The vehicle being replaced was a 2003 Ford Expedition XLT model with 98,000 miles on it. It is used by employees on a 24 hour per day shift and accumulates 40,000 + miles per year. It was scheduled to be replaced in the coming year CIP. It was equipped with 4 wheel drive, towing package, gasoline engine and automatic transmission. These vehicle features are necessary in delivering emergency services during inclement weather and in remote areas. In designing this vehicle, fleet vehicle specifications for special service vehicles were used. The emergency warning equipment, communications equipment, emergency medical and fire equipment that was undamaged and salvaged from the totaled vehicle can be reinstalled into the replacement.

Insurance will cover the costs of removing and reinstalling the emergency warning equipment and lettering up to \$1,500.

A full size SUV is unavailable for purchase on state contract as they have been removed from the state bid list. Three bids for a full size four wheel drive SUV were solicited from local vendors. Midpoint declined to offer a bid. Berglund Chevrolet and Duncan Ford have prepared bids for submission. A list of the received bids is submitted. Funds to cover the difference in cost needed for purchase is available through EMS billing revenue. If the lowest bid is accepted, that amount will be \$9,865.32.

**RECOMMENDATION:**

Staff respectfully recommends that the lowest bid be accepted for purchase from Duncan Ford at 24,090.32.

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**(RESOLUTION #03-03-2007)**

BE IT THEREFORE RESOLVED, by the Board of Supervisors to approve the consent agenda items as presented above with No. 4 (826 Compactor Wheels) being pulled until later for discussion.

MOTION BY: Charles Wagner  
 SECONDED BY: Charles Poindexter  
 VOTING ON THE MOTION WAS AS FOLLOWS:  
 AYES: Mitchell, Hurt, Poindexter, Wagner, Johnson, Quinn & Angell

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**RECOMMENDATION:**

It is recommended that the Board authorize the County staff to purchase the new wheels from Carter Machinery and have them installed for a total cost of approximately \$55,000. These dollars are currently available in the capital improvement account under Landfill equipment.

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**(RESOLUTION #04-03-2007)**

BE IT THEREFORE RESOLVED, by the Board of Supervisors to approve the 826 Compactor Wheels purchase for the County Landfill as requested.

MOTION BY: Charles Wagner  
 SECONDED BY: Hubert Quinn  
 VOTING ON THE MOTION WAS AS FOLLOWS:  
 AYES: Mitchell, Hurt, Poindexter, Wagner, Quinn & Angell  
 NAYS: Johnson

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**TREASURER'S MONTHLY REPORT**

Ms. Lynda Messenger, Treasurer, presented her monthly Treasurer's Report. Ms. Messenger advised the Board Personal property taxes collected are 88% & Real estate tax collected is 97%. Last years sales for dog tags as of 3/20/06 was \$14,932, this years sales are \$10,021.

Regular vehicle decal sales for last year were 18512 total for this year on 3-20 is 17612

**(RESOLUTION #05-03-2007)**

BE IT THEREFORE RESOLVED by the Board to approve the Treasurer's monthly report as submitted.

MOTION BY: Russ Johnson  
 SECONDED BY: David Hurt  
 VOTING ON THE MOTION WAS AS FOLLOWS:  
 AYES: Mitchell, Hurt, Poindexter, Wagner, Johnson, Quinn, & Angell

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**ROANOKE VALLEY ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT PARTNERSHIP ANNUAL REPORT**



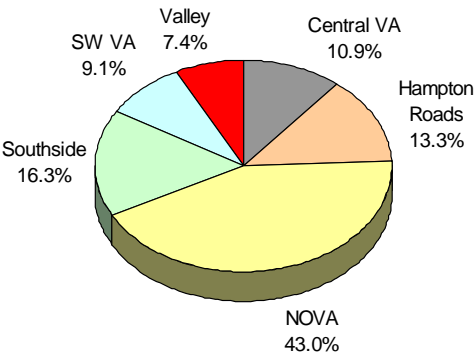
Phil Sparks, Executive Director, Roanoke Valley Economic Development Partnership, shared with the Board the following Power Point Presentation presenting the Authority’s annual report:

# Roanoke Valley Economic Development Partnership Report to Franklin County

March 20, 2007



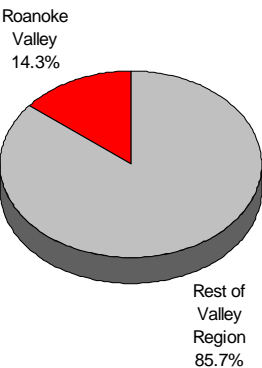
## 2006: From a State Perspective



- Total number of announcements: 374
- Total in the Valley Region (which includes the Roanoke Valley: 42
- But, that’s not the whole story



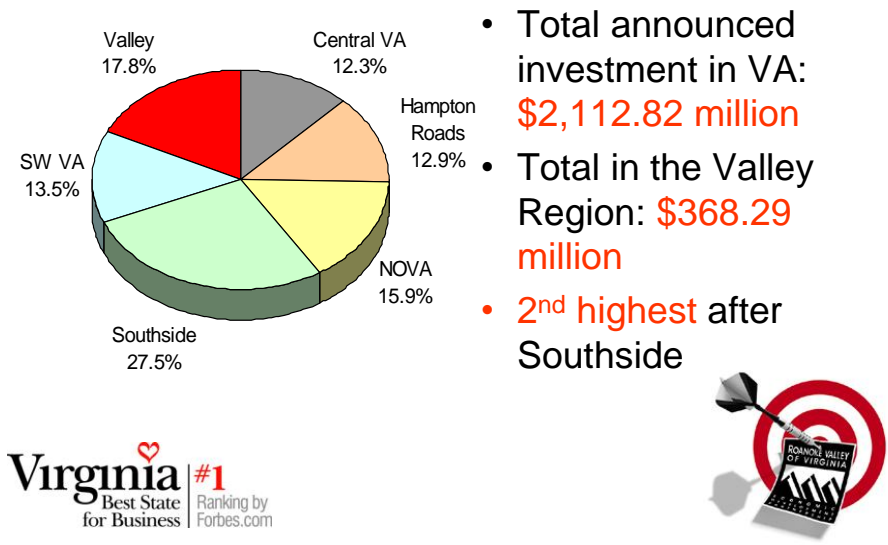
## 2006: How the Roanoke Valley Did



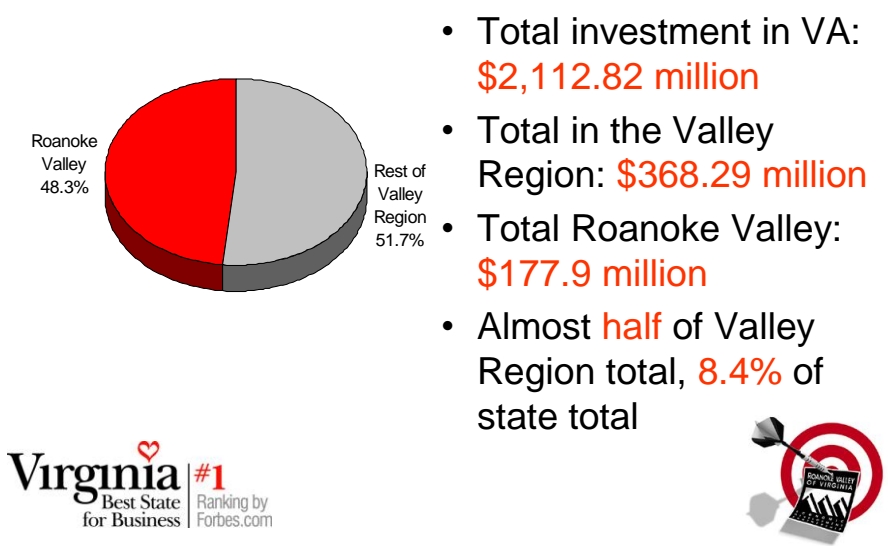
- Total number of state announcements: 374
- Total in the Valley Region: 42
- Total Roanoke Valley: 6
- 14.3% of Valley Region total, 1.6% of state total



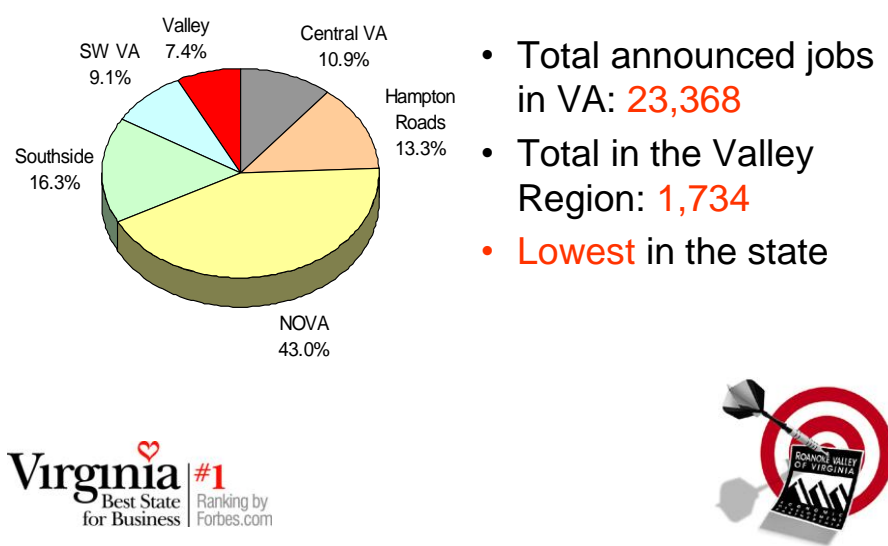
# 2006 Investment



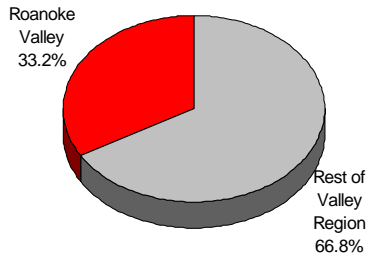
## 2006 Investment -- Roanoke Valley



## 2006 New Jobs



## 2006 Jobs -- Roanoke Valley



- Total announced jobs in VA: **23,368**
- Total in the Valley Region: **1,734**
- Total Roanoke Valley: **575**
- Almost **a third** of Valley Region total, **2.4%** of state total



## Statewide Stats

- Non-Manufacturing Projects
  - **67%** of announced jobs
  - **32%** of announced investment
- Expansion Projects
  - **75%** of announced jobs
- Foreign-Affiliated Projects
  - **14%** of announced jobs (3,208)
  - **32%** of announced investment (\$679 million)



## Roanoke Valley Stats

- All 2006 Announcements were Manufacturing
  - **575** announced jobs
  - **\$177.9 million** announced investment
- Expansion Projects
  - **62.2%** of announced jobs
- Foreign-Affiliated Projects
  - **46.4%** of announced jobs (**267**)
  - **68.1%** of announced investment (**\$121.1 million**)



# Behind the Stats

COMPANY	INVESTMENT	NEW JOBS
Mennel Milling	\$30,800,000	33
Dynax	\$11,700,000	52
McAirlaid's	\$85,000,000	160
MW	\$23,000,000	175
Altec	\$3,000,000	100
Smorgon Steel	\$24,400,000	55
TOTAL	\$177,900,000	575



## What Does This Mean?

- Roanoke Valley still attractive to manufacturing
- Roanoke Valley attractive to foreign-affiliated companies
  - Which then grow here
- More new investment/fewer new jobs might indicate higher quality projects and jobs



## What Have We Done for You Lately?

- Worked with Franklin County staff to locate McAirlaid's
- Worked with Franklin County staff on McAirlaid's and MW announcements and related publicity
  - Received mentions in several publications
- Posted Franklin County properties on our website, VEDP's website & Fast Facility (*Area Development*)
  - 59 hits on Fast Facility for 2 Franklin Co. properties since this time last year



## Our Winning Strategies

- Advertising
- Trade Shows
- Marketing Missions
- Targeted Industry Sector Campaign
  - Results in company conference calls
- Public Relations
- [www.roanoke.org](http://www.roanoke.org)



## New Marketing Initiatives

- Follow-up with older contacts
  - Started with 2,700 records
  - Removed 300 “dead” contacts
  - Reviewed the rest for possible follow-up action
  - Mailed or e-mailed 460 an “end-of-year” update
  - Received 2 dozen responses
- Website updates
  - Improved Site & Building report forms
  - Improved online data & other downloads
  - Updates continue!



## On the Horizon

Where our current prospects stand:

- 4 have proposals pending
  - 745-1,145 potential jobs/\$24-30 million investment
- 8 actively considering the region
  - 391-840 jobs/\$61-71.5 million
- 8 long term
  - 775-1,080 jobs/\$58-67.5 million



## So Far This Year

- We've opened **5** new prospect files
  - The most for January and February since 2000
- We've had **5** prospect visits
  - A little below average for this time of year
- Of those:
  - 2 are local
  - 2 are from the South
  - 1 is from the Midwest



## Looking Ahead to 2007

A mixed message on the economy

- Still solid fundamentals. Growth, yes, but throttling back (GDP 2.0-2.2%)
- Recent GDP growth had been driven by consumer spending and residential construction
  - Auto sector sales are down
  - Trends point to a housing recovery this year, but there will still be some pain, especially in new home sales (NAR 3/13)



## Looking Ahead to 2007

A mixed message on the economy

- Recent stock market jitters
- Inflation still lurking – especially with a generally tightened job market
- The “r-word”
- Interest rates – cumulative effects of interest rate growth to dampen strong growth and keep inflation in check



## Looking Ahead to 2007

A mixed message on the economy

- Good news on several fronts:
  - Manufacturing is growing again, according to the Institute of Supply Management. ISM manufacturing index for Feb. was 52.3, up from Jan. (ISM 3/1/07)
  - 72% of US consumer products companies are optimistic about US economy over the next 12 months; 56% planning major new capital investments (*Material Handling Management*, 3/1/07)



## Looking Ahead to 2007

A mixed message on the economy

- Wild Cards that could stall the engine:
  - Energy price spike
  - New Congress – fiscal policy; spending restraint?
  - International incident
  - Natural disaster like a Hurricane Katrina



## 2007 Industry Growth Sectors

- Certain IT
  - Wireless networks (improvements in capabilities)
  - Computer systems integration
- Telecommunications equipment
- Medical Devices
- Automated machinery
- Certain transportation equipment
  - Not heavy trucks until 2008-09
- Energy



# Changes coming to the Partnership in 2007

- Changing as the economy changes
- Broadening our scope
- Doing more with more!
- Helping to make the Roanoke Valley even better.



Thank you for your ongoing support!



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**SCHOOL CAPITAL FUNDING REQUEST/**

Lee Cheatham, Director of Business & Finance, presented the Board with the following school capital project funding requests for the 2006-07 fiscal year:

Revenues:

County School Capital Projects Fund for 2006-07	\$1,248,876
Less – BFMS Boiler Replacement Project – Project Funded on March 21, 2006	(249,125)
Less – Contingency on the BFMS Boiler Project	(24,113)
Less – Paving Projects – Projects Funded on June 20, 2006	(245,003)
Less – Contingency on the Paving Projects	(30,000)
Less – FCHS Roof Replacement Projects – Project Funded on July 18, 2006	(365,499)
Less – FCHS Roof Replacement – Contingency	(121,833)
Less – FCHS Roof Replacement Projects – Architectural / Engineering Fees	(41,600)
Less – Bus Garage Paving Replacement Project – Change Order to Pave Additional Areas – Nichols Construction – Funded July 18, 2006	<u>(124,420)</u>
Balance	47,283
 Add – Unused Contingency on FCHS Roof Replacement Projects	117,560
Add – Unused Contingency on BFMS Boiler Project	38
Add – Unused Contingency on Paving Projects	<u>6,355</u>



Adjusted Balance	171,236
Less – Amount to be Allocated to Future Projects	(29,236)
Balance of Revenues Being Requested	<u>\$ 142,000</u>
Proposed Expenditures:	
FCHS Stadium Pressbox Project	\$ 99,000
FCHS Stadium Pressbox Project – Contingency	35,000
FCHS Stadium Pressbox Project – Electrical	<u>8,000</u>
Total Proposed Expenditures	<u>\$ 142,000</u>

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**FRANKLIN COUNTY HIGH SCHOOL PRESS BOX BIDS**

Lee Cheatham, Director of Business & Finance, presented the Board with the following Press Box Additions bids as follows:

The project named above was advertised in The Franklin News Post and bids were received until 2:00 p.m. on Monday, March 5, 2007 at the Maintenance Office at which time they were opened publicly and read aloud. Listed below are the bid results:

<b><u>CONTRACTOR</u></b>	<b><u>BID</u></b>
Hall's Construction	<b>\$99,000</b>
Clark Construction	<b>\$164,000</b>

**(RESOLUTION #06-03-2007)**

BE IT THEREFORE RESOLVED, by the Board of Supervisors to table the aforementioned capital project funding requests for the 2006-07 fiscal year (\$142,000) and reconsider within the next 30 days and bid award.

MOTION BY: David Hurt  
SECONDED BY: Russ Johnson  
VOTING ON THE MOTION WAS AS FOLLOWS:  
AYES: Mitchell, Hurt, Poindexter, Johnson, Quinn & Angell  
NAYS: Wagner

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**CELL TOWER ORDINANCE REVISIONS**

Frank Fiori, Director of Planning and Community Development, advised the Board if not sited and designed carefully, the placement and design of communication towers may have negative impacts on the County, including impacts to surrounding properties and the qualities of the rural landscape.

In 2003-2005 Franklin County had received several applications for the construction of communication facilities, primarily towers, to provide cellular telephone service and private radio communications. Franklin County's zoning ordinance, Chapter 25 of the Franklin County Code, at the time contained no regulations for the placement or design of such facilities.

In order to better determine the impacts and appropriateness of proposed communications facilities, staff recommended that the County consider the adoption of standards within Chapter 25, Zoning, of the Franklin County Code. Such standards would provide comprehensive submittal requirements to gather information for the review of applications, as well as provide standards for the design and location of such facilities.

Staff provided the Board of Supervisors with alternative methods for regulating the impact of such facilities, considering such factors as height, lighting, screening, co-location possibilities, etc. Policy discussion centered around the concept of the number of towers and the impact on the landscape, in particular; was it better to have taller towers with more service providers on each tower which would result in the need for fewer towers overall, or to have shorter towers with fewer service providers on each tower resulting in the need for the construction of a larger number of towers. Ultimately the Board decided that the policy of having fewer, taller towers, was the better alternative.

At their April 19, 2005 regular meeting the Board of Supervisors adopted the current regulations for communications facilities as found in Section 25-128 of the Franklin County Code.

Since adopting the current regulations several monopole type towers of 195’ in height have been approved and constructed in the County. Now that the Board has had the opportunity to see the affect the regulations have had and what new towers as approved under the regulations look like, discussion has again begun in regard to the policies relating to the placement and construction of communication towers.

Staff has prepared a matrix comparing the communication tower regulations of several counties against those that have been adopted by Franklin County. Other counties include Albermarle, Bedford, Roanoke, Rockbridge and Nelson. Included in the matrix are standards for height, setbacks, permitted use or special use permit, co-location requirement, number of co-locators per tower, landscaping/buffers, balloon test required, requirement to reserve space for the County to co-locate, consideration of placement of antennas on existing structures and camouflaging of towers.

Comparisons of Cell Tower Ordinances  
Selected Requirements

	Franklin Co.	Bedford Co.	Roanoke Co.	Albemarle Co.	Rockbridge Co.	Nelson Co.
Height	199' Maximum ; Condition of SUP	Policy – 80'; No Maximum; Condition of the SUP	Condition of SUP; Maximum 199'	Tier I–Cannot exceed height of structure antenna mounted on Tier II–Cannot be more than 7' taller than the tallest tree w/in 25' of the tower *Tier III–Same as Tier II	Maximum allowable height is at which obstruction lighting &/or other markings would not be required as determined by the FAA (less than 199')	Class I – max. for wooden pole 80'; max. 35' for non-wooden structure Class II – wooden pole > than 80'; non-wooden structure 35' maximum for both 95' Class III – Any tower > than 95'; maximum 130'
Setback – Minimum	120% of tower height from property line or residential dwelling & 500' from residential dwelling on adjacent parcel	40% of the tower height from the base of the tower to any residential structure on an adjoining lot; Guy lines shall be exempt from side & rear setback reg., but shall comply w/ frt. Setbacks	A minimum setback requirement for principal structures for each zoning district; 40% of the base of the tower to any residential structure on an adjoining lot; Guy lines shall be exempt from side & rear setback reg., but shall comply w/ frt. setbacks	Setbacks are established w/each zoning district	200% of the height of the tower from any off-site residential structure & in no case less than 400'; Antenna support structure, guys & accessory facilities must meet minimum zoning district setback requirements for primary structures	Class I, II, III – 125% minimum distance to any property line
Permitted Use	M1 & M2 Districts	N/A	Any new or replacement tower not exceeding 30' shall be permitted with any commercial or industrial zoning, or PCD, CVOD	Tier I and Tier II are permitted in all 20 zoning districts	N/A	All zoning districts

\*Tier III must have SUP approval; no Tier III tower is a permitted use in any zoning districts in Albemarle County.

	<b>Franklin Co.</b>	<b>Bedford Co.</b>	<b>Roanoke Co.</b>	<b>Albemarle Co.</b>	<b>Rockbridge Co.</b>	<b>Nelson Co.</b>
SUP	All other districts except M1 & M2	AP, AR, C-1, C-2, NC, PCD, I-1, I-2 & PID	AG-3, AG-1, AR, C-1; C-2; I-1, and I-2	Tier III SUP for all zoning districts except MHD and NMD	New towers greater than 100 feet AGL(antenna height); Extending existing structures greater than 20' subject to Administrator Review or SUP	N/A
Co-location	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes
Number of Co-locators	4 minimum	N/A	3 minimum	Does not specify	80' or less – 1 81'-100' – 2 101'to 120' – 3 121' or > - 4	N/A
Landscaping/ Buffers	100' wooded buffer easement around site & 6' fence around base of tower & equipment	Security fence not less than 6' in height equipped w/anti-climbing device; landscaping buffer of plant material that screens the compound area w/a landscaped strip at least 4' wide outside of the compound area; existing mature tree growth & natural land forms shall be preserved to the max. extent	Site design & facilities including fencing, buildings, & other ground mounted equipment will be constructed to be compatible w/the neighborhood	Equipment and fencing shall match the monopole and surrounding area in color ; a tree conservation plan prepared by a certified arborist	Standard buffer shall consist of landscaped strip at least 10' wide; plant material at least 6' in height; existing mature tree growth & natural land forms shall be preserved to the maximum extent possible	Class I, II, III 8' fence surround tower site; buffer of plant materials that effectively screens the view of support bldgs from adjacent property; standard 4' strip outside perimeter; existing mature tree growth & natural land forms shall be preserved to the maximum extent possible; existing trees w/in 200'of the tower shall not be removed except when authorized
Balloon Test Required	Yes	N/A	Yes	Yes	Yes	NO
Regs. for County to co-locate on tower	Yes	Yes	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
Consideration of antennas on existing	Required evidence of lack of	A description of suitability of the use of existing	Official policy to encourage & promote the collocation of antennas on	Yes	Evidence submitted to demonstrate that the existing infrastructure is	Evidence submitted to demonstrate that no public lands, existing tower or

structure s	antenna space on existing towers, building s, or other structure s	towers, structures, or alternative technology	existing public & private structures		insufficient	structure can accommodate
Camoufla ge	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A: However, the Co. allows wood monopoles which will be dark brown natural wood color and metal or concrete monopoles shall be painted brown wood color to blend into the surrounding areas	N/A	N/A

**RECOMMENDATION:**  
If the Board desires to pursue amending the current County regulations for communication towers, staff recommends that the Board conduct a work session to discuss the various alternatives and to provide staff direction if the Board should decide to proceed with amending the current regulations.

Staff also recommends that the County engage its communications consultant to undertake and prepare a strategic plan for telecommunications facilities similar to the one that was prepared for Bedford County and has been included as an attachment to this summary.

The Board requested additional photos of cell tower options, more information from Cell Carriers and examples of wording for EMS placement on the towers. This item will be addressed during a Board Retreat scheduled for June (after budget deliberations).

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**PUBLIC AUCTIONS POLICY**  
Mike Thurman, Director of Facilities and Special Projects, presented the following draft policy for the Board’s consideration:

On a regular basis, personal property which has been declared surplus (by the Board of Supervisors) is disposed of by means of public auction, sealed bids, etc. For several years such auctions have been held in conjunction with the Franklin County School System. Occasionally, (and depending on pre-approved circumstances) a “seal bid” process is used for certain equipment, etc.

The School Division has taken the position that “no school board officer, employee, spouse, or relative residing in the same household may accept, bid or benefit from the disposal of any surplus property” (contained in section F – Conflict of Interest within Business and Non-instructional Operations manual). While staff is not aware of any previous conflicts regarding County employee’s placing bids on such property, it is the intent to receive direction from our Board regarding this issue.

**RECOMMENDATION:**  
In an effort to avoid any appearance of conflict of interest and to become consistent with School System Policy, staff recommends that the Board consider adopting a similar policy. Such policy, would disallow bidding on Franklin County Board of Supervisor personal property, but would not be extended to prevent bidding on School Board items.

**(RESOLUTION #07-03-2007)**  
BE IT THEREFORE RESOLVED, by the Board of Supervisors to adopt the aforementioned policy regarding Employee/Auctions; Such policy, would disallow bidding on Franklin County Board of Supervisors personal property, but would not be extended to prevent bidding on School Board items.

MOTION BY: Charles Wagner  
SECONDED BY: David Hurt

VOTING ON THE MOTION WAS AS FOLLOWS:

AYES: Mitchell, Hurt, Poindexter, Wagner, Johnson, Quinn & Angell

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**WAID RECREATION AREA ATHLETIC FIELD ANNEX ACCESS BRIDGE**

Bobby Pruitt, Franklin County Parks and Recreation is preparing to open an expanded soccer/football/lacrosse athletic complex at Waid Recreation Area. Initial seeding and grading for four full-sized soccer pitches and one practice field is complete. These fields will open for general recreational use this coming fall. F&B Contractors Ltd. constructed the fields.

Access to these fields will be provided by a pedestrian/park maintenance bridge that will span the Pigg River adjacent to the existing parking area. The existing lower field parking lot will be expanded to accommodate users of the new athletic field complex. No vehicle access, aside from maintenance and emergency, will be permitted across the bridge to the new fields. The County retained Earth Environmental of Rocky Mount to complete bridge design. Per County specifications, the bridge had to meet certain requirements:

1. Full ADA Compliance
2. 10 ton load capacity
3. Be constructed clear of the river channel to reduce the impact to the Roanoke loggerch and the trout fishery. The bridge footers will be constructed outside of the normal river channel to minimize impact during flood events and to reduce the regulatory burden encountered when working in the river channel.
4. Be wide enough (10 ft) to accommodate an emergency vehicle and regular park maintenance equipment.

The initial preliminary engineering estimate for the bridge project prepared in 2003 was \$225,000.

The County advertised for the project in the Roanoke Times and Franklin News-Post. Three pre-bid meetings were held to address questions posed by potential bidders. The County provided bidders with two options. Contractors could bid on a bridge design completed by staff, or they could choose to present alternative designs as long as the prescribed solutions met the specifications listed above. The County Purchasing Department opened bids at 4 PM on March 7, 2007. The following construction companies submitted bids in the amounts listed below:

Vendor	Amount of Quote
F&B Contractors Limited.	\$218,133.28
DA Brown Inc.	\$313,600.00
Price Buildings	\$283,800.00

Earth Environmental and County staff met F&B Contractors to review their bid and the bridge specs. F&B had the lowest bid for the project for \$218,133.28. The company has all required permits, bonding, and experience to complete this project to the satisfaction of the County. Payment for this project will be made out of the Waid Recreation Area Athletic Fields Capital Account. Funds sufficient to complete this project are available in this account presently.

**RECOMMENDATION:**

Staff reviewed the bids, the references of F&B Contractors Ltd., and recommends that the Board of Supervisors award the Waid Recreation bridge project to the company for **\$218,133.28**. Award of the bid will permit the fields to open for public recreation use in August 2007.

**(RESOLUTION #08-03-2007)**

BE IT THEREFORE RESOLVED, by the Board of Supervisors to award the construction bid to F & B Contractors Limited in the amount of \$218,133.28 as submitted.

MOTION BY: David Hurt

SECONDED BY: Charles Wagner

VOTING ON THE MOTION WAS AS FOLLOWS:

AYES: Mitchell, Hurt, Poindexter, Wagner, Johnson, Quinn & Angell

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**PROPOSED 2007-2008 COUNTY BUDGET MESSAGE & PRESENTATION**

Richard E. Huff, II, County Administrator, presented the proposed 2007-2008 budget as follows:

Mr. W. Wayne Angell, Chairman

And Members of the Franklin County Board of Supervisors

County Board Room

Rocky Mount, Virginia 24151

Dear Chairman Angell and Members of the Board:

It is my pleasure to transmit to you today my recommendations for a balanced 2007-2008 Budget for the citizens of Franklin County. I am pleased that I am able to recommend this fiscal plan for your consideration and look forward to the Board’s feedback and response to the many difficult decisions that went into this recommendation.

As you know, Section 15.2-2503 of the Code of Virginia, as amended, states that the County budget shall be developed for “informative and fiscal planning purposes only”. It serves as a plan for County operations, maintenance, capital outlay, and debt service and may include reserves for contingencies and future capital improvements. The annual budget must contain a complete itemization of all estimated expenditures, revenues, and borrowings and must be approved by the governing body prior to July 1 of each year. Similarly, the School Board Budget must be adopted by May 1 of each year.

The power of the Board of Supervisors to grant or withhold funds is an important means by which it can determine general County policies and the level of services to be offered. Budgeting is a planning process required by law that enables the Board of Supervisors to examine requests for County funds, to anticipate revenue needs, and to make decisions about the priority of programs and level of services to be provided. It is a work-plan expressed in terms of dollars and as such is an important tool of fiscal management.

Staff’s recommendation for the County’s fiscal plan for the FY08 Budget totals \$116,039,365. This total represents a 7.8% increase over the current year adopted budget. The dollar increase from the current year adopted budget to the FY08 proposed budget is \$8.4 million and is broken down roughly as follows:

- \$4.2 million increase for Schools
- \$220,000 increase for capital (includes the Windy Gap Elementary Capital Reserve of \$248,876 and \$2.16 million of one-time funds for capital improvements. The total proposed capital budget is \$5.1 million.
- \$984,812 increase for Comprehensive Services and Social Services – offset largely by increased revenues but requiring \$261,597 in local funds.
- \$1,395,827 increase for Public Safety – includes \$500,000 in additional EMS Billing revenue and \$470,000 in additional jail and inmate costs primarily for out of county placements.
- \$248,627 in additional debt service expenditures for first year payments on the County Government complex and public safety center in the Westlake area.
- \$1.3 million in new general government expenditures. Included are funds to absorb the electric rate increase of ~30%, pay the employee share of VRS Life Insurance, and assist in the opening of the Franklin Center, Smith Mountain Lake Community Park and five additional youth athletic fields at Waid Park.

<u>Function</u>	<b>Adopted</b>		<b>Proposed</b>		<b>Percent</b>
	<b>2006-2007</b>		<b>2007-2008</b>		
	<u>Budget</u>		<u>Budget</u>	<u>Difference</u>	<u>Change</u>
General Administration	\$ 3,530,181	\$	4,233,159	\$ 702,978	20%
Judicial System	2,273,296		2,250,133	(23,163)	-1%
Public Safety	8,496,812		9,892,639	1,395,827	16%
Public Works	1,841,372		2,094,686	253,314	14%
Health and Welfare	8,743,614		9,728,426	984,812	11%
Schools	71,271,811		75,504,353	4,232,542	6%
Recreation & Cultural	1,376,123		1,492,915	116,792	8%
Community Development	2,583,704		2,812,162	228,458	9%
Debt, Capital, Utilities	<u>7,535,000</u>		<u>8,030,892</u>	<u>495,892</u>	7%
<b>Totals</b>	<b>\$ 107,651,913</b>	<b>\$</b>	<b>116,039,365</b>	<b>\$ 8,387,452</b>	<b>8%</b>

There were a number of concerns and circumstances that set the stage for the budget development this year and provided the framework by which this proposed budget was developed:

- Additional resources for volunteer Fire/Rescue/Public Safety support are recommended in the form of additional Advanced Life Support personnel. This recommendation will allow a staffed ambulance to provide 24/7 ALS coverage in the County.
- Absorbed a 30% Increase in Electric Costs for schools (\$309,792) and local government (\$60,000).
- \$415,000 increase in out of county inmate housing costs as well as a \$56,700 increase for jail health services and food increases due to a higher population in the local jail.
- \$50,000 increase in the reassessment budget to offset the projected costs of conducting citizen hearings, mailing notices and printing assessment cards.
- Additional Parks and Recreation costs for the opening of Smith Mountain Lake Community Park, five additional youth athletic fields at Waid Park and two new canoe access points. New programs include Youth Lacrosse, Youth Flag Football and Adult Soccer.
- Continuing funding for disaster recovery protection of mission critical Information Technology Infrastructure.

In terms of school funding for FY08, I am recommending the following:

- ☞ Operational Increase of \$1,400,000 in new operational money and \$596,854 in new debt service for a total increase of almost \$2 million or a 7.9% increase from FY 2006-2007. Total School Operational Support of \$27.2 million or 42% of General Fund Expenditures. Operational and Capital Total Support of \$28.6 million or 44% of General Fund Expenditures.
- ☞ Increased School Capital funding to \$1,348,000 which will include additional capital funds for Windy Gap Elementary when that school opens.

Other Highlights in the Budget Include:

- 5% increase in Employer Health Insurance Contributions
- Employee portion of mandatory VRS life insurance paid
- Provides personnel and operating funds for the opening of the Franklin Center this summer. Utilities alone are estimated at \$24,000 per year. The plan positions a PC Tech at this facility to not only serve the Franklin Center but also the 40 computers and network at the Library.
- 14.4% increase in social service programs primarily in the area of special needs for children in foster care and for elderly and disabled care. This represents direct program monies only and does not include any administrative costs.

Major Capital Improvements Proposed for FY08:

- Funds \$312,120 for Disaster Recovery Protection of Mission Critical Information as well as other Technology Infrastructure Improvements
- Funds \$1.7 million for various Parks & Recreation Facilities including \$700,000 for the Pigg River Whitewater Park/Recreation Center, \$160,000 for improvements at the Franklin County Recreation Park, and \$350,000 for beach, parking, and restroom related development at Smith Mountain Lake Community Park.
- Continues Significant Landfill Monitoring Development Expenditures
- Includes \$745,250 for Public Safety and Law Enforcement Apparatus, Vehicles and Improvements
- Provides Architect/Engineering funds for a future branch library – location to be determined

The recommendations outlined above are recommendations that require the 2007-2008 Budget be funded with the following **existing tax rates**:

Real Estate	\$0.53per \$100 assessed valuation
Personal Property	\$1.67 per \$100 assessed valuation
Machinery & Tools	\$0.60/\$0.27 per \$100 assessed valuation
Merchants Capital	\$1.08 per \$100 assessed valuation

In closing, I would be remiss if I did not extend my utmost gratitude to the County's staff, who have worked diligently in the preparation of this plan. I would be happy to answer any questions which may have been generated and staff looks forward to working with you over the next several weeks to produce a plan that addresses our fiscal responsibilities for the coming year.

Respectfully submitted,

Richard E. Huff, II  
County Administrator

## FY 2007-2008 Proposed Budget

Franklin County  
Your Natural Setting for Opportunity



## We Have Much To Be Proud Of !!

- \$110 million Private Investment in Commerce Park by McAirlands
- All Franklin County Schools are Accredited and Have Achieved Federal AYP (Adequate Yearly Progress)
- New Public Safety Radio System is in Place and Has Greatly Enhanced Communications & Interoperability
- SML Park Ready to Open in Spring
- New Youth Sports Complex Ready to Open at Waid Park





## We Have Much To Be Proud Of !!

- To Date, \$600,000 committed by Outside Agencies Towards Dam Removal to Initiate Whitewater Park on Pigg River
- \$23 Million Investment by MW Windows for Lane Building Retrofit and Additional Job Expansion
- ESPN Bassmasters Elite Bid Landed for June, 2007 Event-10,000 + enthusiasts expected
- The Franklin Center is On Schedule to Open July, 2007





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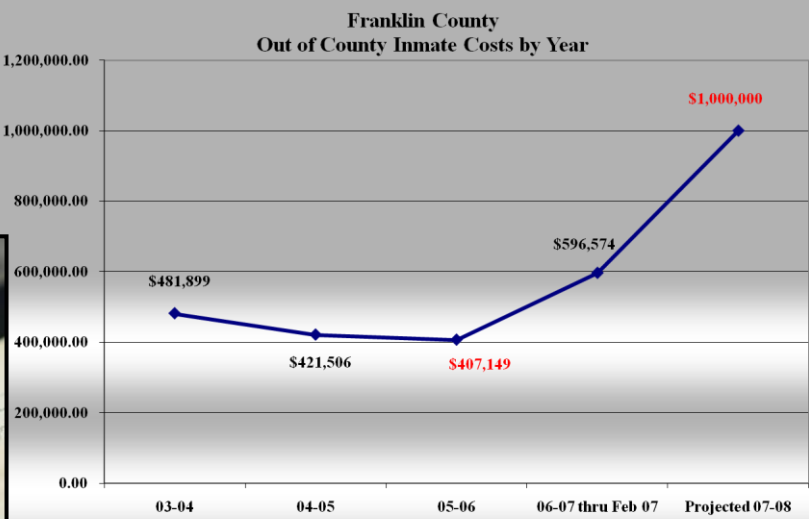
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2007-2008 Initiatives

- Total Recommended Budget Increases by \$8.4 million
- Several Issues That are Not Discretionary but Significantly Impact the Budget
  - ↗Electrical Costs increase by \$ 369,000
  - ↗Mandatory VRS Increase in Schools-\$ 387,000
  - ↗Out of County Inmate Costs Increasing Sooner Than Projected Resulting in an Required Increase of \$ 415,000



Adult Corrections





## 2007-2008 Initiatives

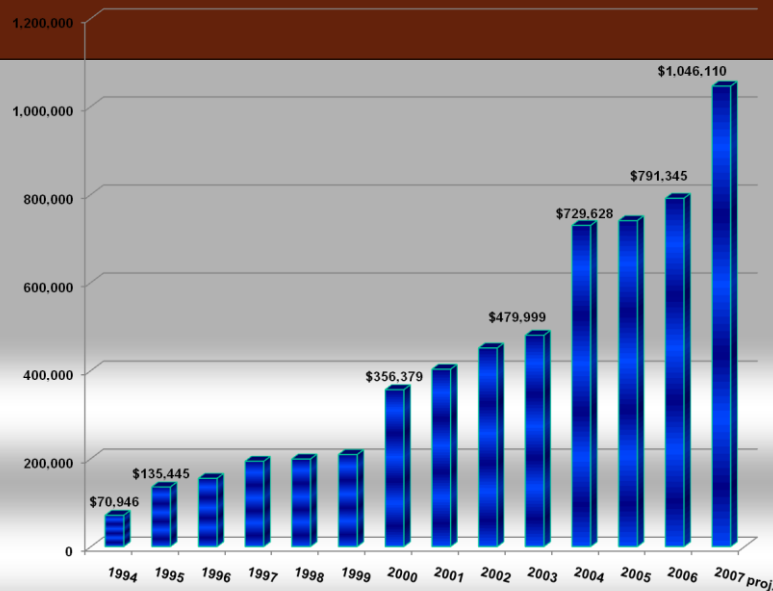
- **Several Issues That are Not Discretionary but Significantly Impact the Budget**

⇒ Debt Service on \$7.5 Million Borrowed for Windy Gap Elementary School in the Amount of \$596,854. \$4.5 Million More Will Be Borrowed the Following Year to Complete the School which will require an additional \$380,524 in debt service plus the operating cost increase of \$755,800

⇒ Comprehensive Services Act (CSA) Will Require an Increase of \$497,773, a 16% increase and \$141,500 in Local Dollars



**C.S.A. Local Expenses 1994-2008**



## 2007-2008 Initiatives

- ⇒ Additional Advanced Life Support (ALS) Personnel Added to Staff a 24/7 Ambulance
- ⇒ Additional Deputy Sheriff recommended for Drug Interdiction Efforts
- ⇒ 3% Compensation Pool Provided for General Government Employees
- ⇒ Employee Share of Mandatory Life Insurance Premium Provided





## 2007-2008 Initiatives



- ↻ Engineering Continues for New Landfill and Preparations Begin to Close Existing Landfill
- ↻ Reverse 911 Warning System Funded
- ↻ 5 New Youth Fields to Open at Waid Park with New Bridge to Access the Complex
- ↻ Handicap Accessible Fishing Pier at SML along with Walking Trails and Access Road to Open at SML Park
- ↻ Continued Expansion of Wireless Internet Infrastructure

## County Capital Projects



- ↻ **Whitewater Park Phase I Begins**
- ↻ **Design Work Begins for Branch Library**
- ↻ **Phase II of SML Park to Progress**
- ↻ **Planning Begins for Fire/ Rescue Station near Westlake to Ascertain Community Support**
- ↻ **\$745,000 in Fire/ Rescue/Law Enforcement Vehicle Replacements Planned**

## 2006-2007 Initiatives-Schools



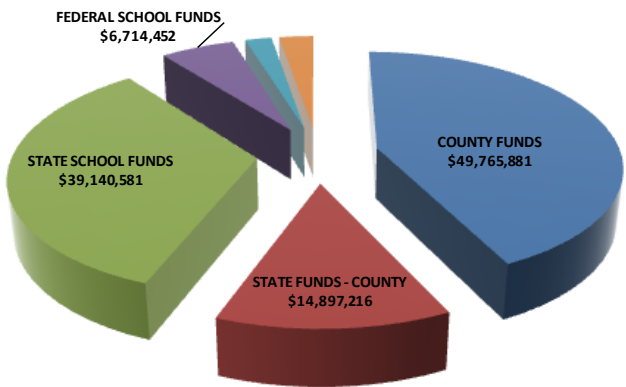
- ↻ Average Daily Membership Projected at 7330, an increase of 147 students over the current year
- ↻ Schools Requested \$10.6 million in New Local Money Which Would represent a 42.3% increase in Local Funds
- ↻ State Revenues for Schools Expected to Be \$1.6 Million Increase vs. \$4.4 Million last year (64% drop in new state funding)
- ↻ Local School Operational Funding Recommended at \$24,551,153, an Increase of \$1,400,000 for Operations or a 6% Increase
- ↻ Significant Resources are Dedicated to Debt Service on New Windy Gap Elementary School-\$596,000

# 2006-2007 Initiatives- Schools

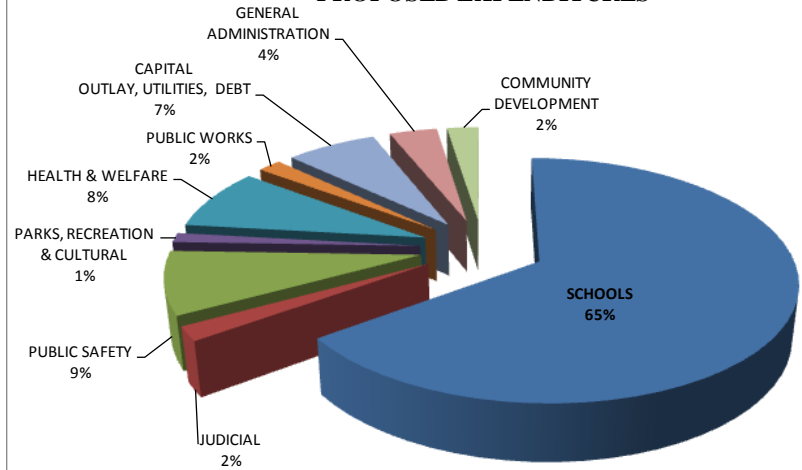


- Recommendation Includes \$1,348,000 for School Capital Projects Which Includes Setting Aside \$248,000 in Debt Service Savings for Capital Startup Costs for Windy Gap Elementary School in Addition to \$1,100,000 Capital Allocation (\$248,000 will be needed again next year)
- Brings New Funding Available for Schools to \$4.2 Million (6%)
- Projected Local Cost per Student= \$3,896
- Projected Total Cost per Student= \$10,295

FY 2007-2008  
PROPOSED BUDGET  
REVENUES



FY 2007-2008  
PROPOSED EXPENDITURES



## Multi-Year Look

✧ FY 09 Budget Will Require Significant Additional Resources for Debt Service and Large Increases in Operating Expenses

- Additional Debt Service on Windy Gap Elementary \$380,524
- New Operating Expenses at Windy Gap of \$755,800
- New Regional Jail Per Diems of \$1,000,000
- Additional Water /Sewer Expansions



## Final Recommendations

✧ Budget is Balanced Within Available Resources Without any Tax Increases

✧ Real Estate Rate Will Remain at \$.53/100

✧ All Other Taxes Remain the Same as Well

✧ Total Budget of \$116,039,365 for FY08



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### **SUDDEN LINK CABLE FRANCHISE**

Richard E. Huff, II, County Administrator, stated the County felt Sudden Link was in violation of the build out clause within the cable franchise in the Cooper's Cove area of the County. Mr. Huff stated citizen complaints were with the cable service, as well as the internet service. The County has a franchise agreement with Sudden Link for cable, but is not covered by Federal law, for internet service. The County is not able to regulate and cover internet services, within the current Cable Franchise, only cable television, Sudden Link Cable was recently purchased from Charter Communications, LLC. Mr. Huff stated on March 12<sup>th</sup>, staff met with Sudden Link to discuss concerns and complaints. Mr. Huff stated on February 20<sup>th</sup>, 2007, his office had requested from Sudden Link complaint logs and to date, the County has not heard or received from Sudden Link the requested data.

Mr. Huff stated he felt the County needs to meet with Sudden Link on how to handle disputes with customers within the County and to explore other interested cable companies desiring to come into the County for a cable franchise.

The board requested staff do everything necessary to improve cable service for the county including, but not limited to attempting to contact the cable company as well as contacting the Federal Communications Commission about the recent troubles. The Board also suggested ending the company's contract if problems continue.

General discussion ensued.

**(RESOLUTION #09-03-2007)**

BE IT THEREFORE RESOLVED, by the Board of Supervisors to authorize the County Administrator and County Attorney to seek any and all options in the execution and enforcement of the County cable franchise agreement with Sudden Link.

MOTION BY: Charles Wagner

SECONDED BY: Charles Poindexter

VOTING ON THE MOTION WAS AS FOLLOWS:

AYES: Mitchell, Hurt, Poindexter, Wagner, Johnson, Quinn & Angell

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#### **CLEMENTS MILL BRIDGE FOLLOW UP**

Mr. Huff advised the Board, Tony Handy, VDOT, Resident Administrator, advised that VDOT will allow a one lane bridge replacement for the Clements Mill Bridge. The Board stated they would allocate an additional \$25,000 from within the 6-Year Plan making a **total of \$50,000** in an allocation towards architectural and engineering work for the Clements Mill Bridge.

The Board requested Mr. Huff to forward a thank you note to Senator Hawkins for the success in obtaining the necessary approvals from VDOT to consider the bridge replacement with another similar size bridge to avoid negatively impacting the historic mill adjacent to the structure.

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#### **VOTING MACHINE SENATE BILL 840 & HOUSE BILL 2707**

Richard E. Huff, II, County Administrator, advised the Board, the local Electoral Board has requested the Board of Supervisors to endorse and forward the following resolution amending to delay implementation until July 1, 2008. The two bills in their current form prohibit the purchase of DRE-Touch-Screen- voting machines after July 1, 2007. This request to delay implementation joins a like request from the Virginia Electoral Board Association.

#### **RE: REQUEST GOVERNOR TO DELAY IMPLEMENATION OF SB 840 & HB 2707**

**WHEREAS**, in 2002 the Help America Vote Act mandated that all lever voting machines be replaced with any one of three voting machines approved by the State Board of Elections;

**WHEREAS**, the County of Franklin now use the same voting machine as dozens of other localities in the Commonwealth;

**WHEREAS**, County of Franklin replaced all of its lever voting machines with new touch screen machines at great cost, trained the County's election personnel, and spent many hours acclimating its voters to the new machines;

**WHEREAS**, A Bill embodying SB 840 and HB 2707 is before the Governor, and said Bill would require the County of Franklin to switch to an optical scan voting machine when replacing individual machines as they reach the end of their useful life (20 years), and said Bill requires an implementation date of July 1, 2007;

**WHEREAS**, in the informed opinion of the Electoral Board, Federal Election Law could possibly prohibit the County from using two types of machines simultaneously, since one type would supply a "paper trail" and one type would not. Thus the effect of the Bill could require replacing all voting machines in the County at local expense upon failure of a single current machine;

**WHEREAS**, said Bill provides no funding for its mandated implementation;

**WHEREAS**, the County Electoral Board chose the current machines after careful study and believes them to be more reliable than the machines the County would be forced to purchase by said Bill,

**WHEREAS**, repeated replacement of voting machines is such a short period of time undermines public confidence in the electoral process and jeopardizes the proficiency of elections officials;

**WHEREAS**, the Virginia Electoral Board Association (VEBA) during its early March business meeting voted unanimously to petition the Governor to stay the aforesaid Bill;

**NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED**, the Franklin County Board of Supervisors hereby on this 20<sup>th</sup>, day of March 2007, hereby respectfully request that the Governor delay implementation of aforesaid Bill to July 1, 2008 to allow time for further consideration of the Bill's ramifications.

**(RESOLUTION #10-03-2007)**

BE IT THEREFORE RESOLVED, by the Board of Supervisors to approve the aforementioned resolution as presented.

MOTION BY: Charles Wagner

SECONDED BY: Leland Mitchell

VOTING ON THE MOTION WAS AS FOLLOWS:

AYES: Mitchell, Hurt, Poindexter, Wagner, Johnson, Quinn & Angell

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**FEDERAL GRANTS FOR DAM REMOVAL OF WHITEWATER PARK**

Richard E. Huff, II, County Administrator, requested the Board to pass a resolution authorizing himself to execute grants and related documents regarding the Pigg River Dam removal for the Whitewater Park.

**(RESOLUTION #11-03-2007)**

BE IT THEREFORE RESOLVED, by the Board of Supervisors to authorize the County Administrator to execute grant documents relating to the dam removal for the Pigg River Whitewater Park Project.

MOTION BY: David Hurt

SECONDED BY: Charles Poindexter

VOTING ON THE MOTION WAS AS FOLLOWS:

AYES: Mitchell, Hurt, Poindexter, Wagner, Johnson, Quinn & Angell

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**LIBRARY BOOKMOBILE LOGO**

Richard E. Huff, II, County Administrator, requested the Board's thoughts on vehicle graphics (total wrapping advertising sponsorship) on the Bookmobile. The Board did not feel that private funding should be placed on county bookmobile vehicle, unless strict guidelines were considered first. The Board requested a policy for the Board to review and consider.

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**OTHER MATTERS BY SUPERVISORS****APPOINTMENTS:**

- Southern Area Agency on Aging /**April Agenda**
- Dan River VASAP Board/**April Agenda**

**JULY 4<sup>th</sup>, 2007 FIREWORKS SMITH MOUNTAIN LAKE "NO WAKE" ORDINANCE****(RESOLUTION #12-03-2007)**

BE IT THEREFORE RESOLVED, by the Board of Supervisors to establish a "No Wake Ordinance" on Smith Mountain Lake during the annual Smith Mountain Lake Fireworks event on July 4<sup>th</sup>, 2007.

MOTION BY: Russell Johnson

SECONDED BY: Charles Wagner

VOTING ON THE MOTION WAS AS FOLLOWS:

AYES: Mitchell, Hurt, Poindexter, Wagner, Johnson, Quinn & Angell

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**CLOSED MEETING****(RESOLUTION #13-03-2007)**

BE IT THEREFORE RESOLVED, by the Board of Supervisors to into a closed meeting in accordance with 2.2-3711, a-3, Acquisition of Land, and a-30, Discussion of the award of a public contract involving the expenditure of public funds, including interviews of bidders or offerors, and discussion of the terms or scope of such contract, where discussion in an open session would adversely affect the bargaining position or negotiating strategy of the public body, of the Code of Virginia, as Amended, of the Code of Virginia, as amended.

MOTION BY: Hubert Quinn

SECONDED BY: Russ Johnson

VOTING ON THE MOTION WAS AS FOLLOWS:

AYES: Mitchell, Hurt, Poindexter, Wagner, Johnson, Quinn & Angell

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MOTION: Hubert Quinn

SECOND: Russ Johnson

**RESOLUTION: #14-03-2007**

MEETING DATE March 20<sup>th</sup>, 2007

WHEREAS, the Franklin County Board of Supervisors has convened an closed meeting on this date pursuant to an affirmative recorded vote and in accordance with the provisions of The Virginia Freedom of Information Act: and

WHEREAS, Section 2.2-3712(d) of the Code of Virginia requires a certification by this Franklin County Board of Supervisors that such closed meeting was conducted in conformity with Virginia law;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Franklin County Board of Supervisors hereby certifies that, to the best of each member's knowledge, (i) only public business matters lawfully exempted from open meeting requirements by Virginia law were discussed in the closed meeting to which this certification resolution applies, and (ii) only such public business matters as were identified in the motion convening the closed meeting were heard, discussed or considered by the Franklin County Board of Supervisors.

VOTE:

AYES: Mitchell, Hurt, Poindexter, Wagner, Johnson, Quinn, & Angell

NAYS: NONE

ABSENT DURING VOTE: NONE

ABSENT DURING MEETING: NONE

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**(RESOLUTION #15-03-2007)**

BE IT THEREFORE RESOLVED, by the Board of Supervisors to approve the architectural and engineering proposal for the Franklin County Government Center to Thompson & Litton with the Phase I contract in the amount of \$92,000 appropriated from existing Capital Funds designated for this purpose

MOTION BY: Charles Wagner

SECONDED BY: David Hurt

VOTING ON THE MOTION WAS AS FOLLOWS:

AYES: Mitchell, Hurt, Poindexter, Wagner, Johnson, Quinn & Angell

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Chairman Angell adjourned the meeting.

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W. WAYNE ANGELL  
CHAIRMAN

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RICHARD E. HUFF, II  
COUNTY ADMINISTRATOR